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THE DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC
COUNCIL YESTERDAY APPOINTED VICE ADMIRAL HARRY D. TRAIN,
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II, UNITED STATES NAVY, AS SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER,
ATLANTIC. THE PRESIDENT NOMINATED VICE ADMIRAL TRAIN.
THE APPOINTMENT WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON OCTOBER 1, 1978.

VICE ADMIRAL TRAIN WILL SUCCEED ADMIRAL ISAAC C. KIDD,
JR., WHO HAS SERVED AS SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER,
ATLANTIC, SINCE MAY 30, 1975. THE COMMITTEE HAD

ASKED THE PRESIDENT TO NOMINATE AN OFFICER OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO SUCCEED ADMIRAL KIDD,WHO IS RETIRING FROM ACTIVE SERVICE.

AT ITS MEETING YESTERDAY, THE DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE ADOPTED A RESOLUTION APPOINTING VICE ADMIRAL TRAIN AS SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER, ATLANTIC, SUCCEEDING ADMIRAL KIDD, WITH THE SAME POWERS AND FUNCTIONS. MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ALSO EXPRESSED THE GRATITUDE OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO ADMIRAL KIDD FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE.

VICE ADMIRAL TRAIN, WHO WILL BE APPOINTED TO THE GRADE OF ADMIRAL WHEN HE ASSUMES HIS NEW POST, IS NOW SERVING AS COMMANDER, US SIXTH FLEET.

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